

Request for Proposal (RFP) Questions and Answers
7/17/12

Question 1: The MTR attached to the RFPs are the same for both Substance Abuse and Mental Health. The MTR appears to be more Substance Abuse related than Mental Health. Are you proposing that we use the attached MTR with phase numbers, time in phase, and urine testing record for Mental Health Services?

Answer: The Monthly Treatment Report (MTR) included in attachment J is required by the Administrative Office of the US Courts for all BPAs. When completing the MTR, if the section on phase numbers, time in phase, and/or urine testing does not apply, vendors can leave those sections empty. Vendors are to comply with Local Services regarding MTRs that may require additional information on additional pages.

Question 2: This is a general question related to a requirement in the Background Statement. The issue is language on page L-3. In Section 2. c. , the RFP states that the offeror shall: "include copies of all applicable business and/or operating licenses..." The meaning of business license is clear.

The meaning of "operating" license is not as clear. Does this refer to things such as state or local certification of a residential substance abuse treatment program or some other residential program or certification of a Sex Offender Treatment Program? Please clarify.

Answer: The requirements vary by State. Therefore, based on California State requirements, the answer to your question is yes. Additionally, in California, all businesses require a general California city business license.

Question 3: RFP 973-13-08, Is it correct that no "2000 Case Management Services" are intended to be included as a part of this RFP?

Answer: Yes that is correct.

Question 4: For RFP 973-13-116 MH
Per the following guidelines....

(a) Mental Health Counseling, i.e., 6010, 6020, 6021, 6028, and 6030 are provided by a licensed/certified psychiatrist, psychologist, or masters or doctoral level practitioner who meets the standards of practice to perform psychotherapy/counseling services as established by his/her state's regulatory board.

Would staff “who meets the standards of practice to perform psychotherapy/counseling services as established by his/her state’s regulatory board” would include licensed LCSW or MFT’s?

Answer: Yes, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) meet the requirements for mental health counseling project codes as listed in the RFP.

Question 5: How will three years of prices be compared between vendors and will timely payment discount be factored in? (For example: three annual prices discounted for timely payment averaged for comparison)

Answer: Evaluation of price is explained in Section M.4. Section (a) of M.4 states “Determining Total Evaluated Price.--Multiply the Estimate Monthly Quantity (EMQ) by 12 months to get a Yearly Quantity. Multiply that figure by the Unit Price offered to arrive at the Total Evaluated Price for that service item. Yearly prices of service items are totaled to arrive at Total Evaluated Price for each offeror.” The timely payment discount is not factored in.

Question 6: We only saw L.A. CADA for Residential Co-occurring disorder in terms of current rates, were there any other vendors?

Current prices were requested for BPA973-13-125, residential co-occurring for Los Angeles County (excluding San Fernando and Antelope Valley) and Orange County. LA CADA is the only vendor providing this service for this BPA area.

Question 7: For outpatient substance abuse, are the urinalysis supplies provided or does the vendor provide their own? If so, are there any specifications?

Answer: For all substance abuse BPAs, urinalysis supplies (onsite and laboratory) are provided except for the refractometer and breathalyzer, which the vendor will need to supply.

With regard to the breathalyzer, the SOW indicates the following: "The vendor shall provide and use a reliable instrument approved by the USPO/USPSO." It also must meet Department of Transportation Standards.

With regard to the refractometer, it must be a clinical refractometer purchased and calibrated by the vendor.

Question 8: For the RFP Number 0973-13-14, does the vendor need to provide services all of the counties across the different counties within the USPO calls the Central District of California, or is it considered technically acceptable to provide services in only one or two of the counties within the Central District?

Answer: The RFP is requesting a least one site within the geographical boundaries of the Central District of California.

Question 9: For the RFP Number 097-13-12, does the vendor need to provide services in Orange County, and Los Angeles County and Ventura County, or is it considered technically acceptable for the vendor to provide services in one of these counties?

Answer: Services must be provided in at least one of the counties listed in the RFP (Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura).

Question 10: In general, is it necessary for the vendor to provide detox services at all of its facilities?

Answer: No, only for the facilities providing services in RFP # 0973-13-14.